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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for carrying loads on inclined surfaces, comprising:

 a support surface adapted to fixedly support a load;

 an endless track connected to the support surface and adapted to propel the apparatus on an inclined surface;

 a power source for actuating the endless track;
and

 an anti-roll device for increasing a length of the apparatus beyond the endless track in a direction of movement of the apparatus on the inclined surface to prevent an overturning of the apparatus when transporting loads, the anti-roll device being at least one arm projecting longitudinally away from the support surface in a projecting position thereof, the ~~at least one arm~~ anti-roll device being completely above a plane of an undersurface of the apparatus in the projecting position and free of contact with the inclined surface at any time during movement of the apparatus along the inclined surface.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the at least one arm projects rearwardly from the apparatus in a projecting position thereof.

3. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the at least one arm is displaceable from a retracted position, wherein the at least one arm is retracted so as not to project from a rear end of the apparatus, and the projecting position.

4. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein an actuation of a displacement of the at least one arm from the

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retracted position to the projecting position is automated as a function of an inclination of the apparatus.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the endless track has pairs of wheels connected at the front and the rear of the support surface, some of the wheels having longitudinal fingers, and wherein complementary fingers within the endless track mesh with the longitudinal fingers for motion transmission therebetween, and further comprising a brake having blocking fingers engaging with some of the longitudinal fingers of at least one of the wheels for blocking the endless track so as to prevent an unwanted displacement of the apparatus on an inclined surface.

6. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a roller system with rollers selectively deployable for displacing the apparatus without the endless track on given surfaces.

7. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the roller system has an actuated mechanism connected to the power source for deploying the rollers.

8. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the roller system has four rollers, with one roller positioned adjacent to each corner of the apparatus.

9. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the rollers each have a swivel mechanism.

10. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the support surface is pivotally displaceable with respect to a remainder of the apparatus so as to be selectively oriented for carrying a load on an inclined surface.

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11. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the support surface is displaceable with respect to a height dimension of the apparatus, for facilitating the reception and discharge of a load thereon from or onto an elevated surface.

12. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a cylindrical roller mounted to the apparatus adjacent to the support surface, for facilitating the positioning of a load onto the support surface.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus for carrying loads on inclined surfaces, comprising:

 a support surface adapted to fixedly support a load;

 an endless track connected to the support surface and adapted to propel the apparatus on an inclined surface;

 a power source for actuating the endless track;
and

 a cylindrical roller mounted to the apparatus adjacent to the support surface and to the endless track, for facilitating the positioning of a load onto the support surface, the cylindrical roller having a pair of legs positioned in a spaced-apart relation adjacent to the support surface, with a cylinder rotatably supported between the legs so as to rotate about its longitudinal axis, the cylinder being positioned adjacent to an exposed portion of the endless track such that the load is carried on the cylindrical roller onto the support surface by traction of the exposed portion of the endless track on the load.

14. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising a brake for blocking the endless track so as to prevent an unwanted displacement of the apparatus on an inclined surface.

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15. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising a roller system with rollers selectively deployable for displacing the apparatus without the endless track on given surfaces.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein a portion of the endless track is exposed beyond the support surface and adjacent to the cylindrical roller, whereby a load is conveyed by a drive of the endless track with a conveying of the cylindrical roller when the rollers are deployed.

17. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the roller system has four rollers, with one roller positioned adjacent to each corner of the apparatus.

18. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the rollers each have a swivel mechanism.

19. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the support surface is pivotally displaceable with respect to a remainder of the apparatus so as to be selectively oriented for carrying a load on an inclined surface.

20. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the support surface is displaceable with respect to a height dimension of the apparatus, for facilitating the reception and discharge of a load thereon from or onto an elevated surface.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for carrying loads on inclined surfaces, comprising:
a support surface adapted to fixedly support a load;

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pairs of wheels connected at the front and the rear of the support surface, some of the wheels having longitudinal fingers;

an endless track member connected to the wheels such that complementary fingers within the endless track member mesh with the longitudinal fingers of the wheels to transmit motion to the endless track member such that the endless track member is adapted to propel the apparatus on an inclined surface;

a power source for actuating the endless track member; and

a brake for mechanically ~~blocking~~ engaging the wheels to block the wheels so as to prevent an unwanted displacement of the apparatus on an inclined surface.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the brake has blocking fingers engaging with some of the longitudinal fingers of at least one of the wheels.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus for carrying loads on inclined surfaces, comprising:

a support surface adapted to fixedly support a load;

two endless tracks connected to the support surface and adapted to propel the apparatus on an inclined surface; and

a first degree of actuation positioned in a first one of the endless tracks for actuating said first one of the endless tracks, and a second degree of actuation positioned in a second one of the endless tracks for actuating said second one of the endless tracks;

whereby the apparatus rotates by actuating the degrees of actuation such that the endless tracks cycle in opposite directions.

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24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the anti-roll device has a mercury level trigger to deploy the at least one arm to the projecting position when the apparatus reaches a given incline.